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1. REF A OUTLINED PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH DISPOSAL OF STONEHOUSE PROPERTY AND REQUESTED ASSIGNMENT OF PDO OFFICER. REF C CONCURRED WITH REF A IN REQUESTING PDO ASSISTANCE. REF D STATED GOV'T OWNED HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE TO BE ABANDONED IN PLACE, AND THAT A PDO OFFICER WOULD NOT BE ARRIVING SHORTLY. REF F POINTED OUT SOME PROBLEMS WITH ABANDONMENT IN PLACE OF FURNITURE.

2. CONGEN STRONGLY OBJECTS TO ABANDONMENT OF FURNITURE IN PLACE BECAUSE IT UNNECESSARILY CREATES PROBLEMS CITED IN REF F. ASSIGNMENT OF A PDO OFFICER TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, AS WELL AS POV'S AND SURPLUS GOV'T PROPERTY IS ABSOLUTELY UNCLASSIFIED

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ELY NECESSARY AS LONG AS THERE IS ANY OFFICIAL AMERICAN PRES-

ENCE IN ASMARA. DURING THE PAST YEAR THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN VERY ZEALOUS IN ITS EFFORT TO COLLECT TAXES FROM ANY CONCEIVABLE SOURCE. ABANDONMENT OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE WILL ONLY SUBJECT REMAINING USG AGENCIES TO CUSTOMS CLAIMS. THERE ARE SEVEN INSTANCES WHERE FURNITURE WAS STOLEN FROM HOUSES RENTED BY STONEHOUSE PERSONNEL. IN CASES WHERE DOORS AND WINDOWS WERE BROKEN, LANDLORDS MAY PRESENT CLAIMS.

3. REQUEST ASSIGNMENT OF PDO OFFICER ASAP. REQUEST BERNIER BE AUTHORIZED TO REMOVE STONEHOUSE FURNITURE FROM HOUSES TO WAREHOUSE ON TRACT B OR E WITH ASSISTANCE OF NAVCOMMUNIT.

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